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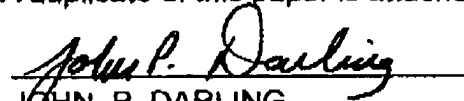
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 29, 2004, Applications hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group II, claims 2-7, drawn to a purging method of a CVD apparatus. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully note that the Preliminary Amendment canceling non-elected claims 1 and 8-14 without prejudice or disclaimer was filed with the application on December 19, 2001. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt are attached. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7 are pending. Prompt examination and favorable examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert:

1. ☒--This is a ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☒ Divisional
☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of
- 1(a) ☒ National Application No. 09/651,255 filed August 30, 2000.
- 1(b) ☐ International Application No. PCT/___/
filed ___ which designated the U.S.--
2. ☐--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.
60/___, filed ___--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 8-14 without prejudice.

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